

of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Approved, February 9, 1870.

NUMBER VI.

REMOVAL OF NATIONAL CAPITAL.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to the Removal of the National Capital.

WHEREAS, The present national capital was located in the infancy of the Republic, and with reference to the convenience of the people living on the Atlantic coast; and,

WHEREAS, The remarkable growth of our country, the rapid increase of its population, the vast extent of its additions made to its territory, and the wonderful development of its agricultural, mineral, and commercial resources, forcibly suggest and demand a more central and eligible position for the permanent seat of government; and,

WHEREAS, It is believed the removal indicated is only a question of time, and the time has come when it should be practically and earnestly considered and prepared for; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa. That our Senators in Congress be and are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested to oppose all appropriations of public funds for the erection of new buildings, or permanent additions to those now in existence, or for other permanent improvements in the District of Columbia, except so far as the same may be absolutely necessary, and to use all honorable means to effect, at the earliest practicable period, a removal of the seat of government from Washington city to some point in the great valley of the Mississippi.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, February 25, 1870.

NUMBER VII.

FOR INCREASE OF MAIL FACILITIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Asking for increased Mail Facilities.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be

requested, to use their efforts to secure a tri-weekly mail-route from Strawberry Point, Clayton county, Iowa, so that it shall run from said town of Strawberry Point, *via* St. Sebald and Volga City to the town of Elkador, the county seat of Clayton county.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to our Senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, March 8, 1870.

NUMBER VIII.

FOR INCREASE OF MAIL FACILITIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Asking for the establishment of a daily mail from Villisca, Montgomery County, Iowa, to Marysville, Missouri, by way of Hawleyville and Clarinda, Page county, Iowa.

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be, and the same are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence to secure, at the earliest possible time, the establishment of a daily mail from Villisca, in Montgomery county, Iowa, through Hawleyville and Clarinda, Page county, to Marysville, in Nodaway county, State of Missouri.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, March 9, 1870.

NUMBER IX.

COUNCIL BLUFFS INITIAL POINT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

JOINT RESOLUTION Relating to the Initial Point of the U. P. R. R.

WHEREAS, The terminus of the Iowa railroads, connecting with the Union Pacific Railroad, under their charter is in Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, The terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad, as designated by the executive order of the President of the United States, under their charter of 1862, is also in Iowa, and provision is made under that charter to enable the Union Pacific Railroad to cross the